



Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
Cabot School, Twinfield School,
Danville School District, Peacham School District
Caledonia Cooperative School District (Barnet, Walden & Waterford Schools)

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Superintendent's Report April 2023

1. Open Positions

Barnet School

- Custodian

Cabot School

- Special Education Paraeducators
- Bus Driver
- Executive Assistant (2023-2024)
- Secondary Music Teacher (2023-2024)
- Secondary English Language Arts Teacher (2023-2024)
- Secondary Math Teacher (2023-2024)

Central Office

- High School Paraeducator at the St. Johnsbury Academy
- Special Education Teacher (Anticipated) 2023-2024
- LNA to start immediately

Danville School

- Secondary Math Teacher (2023-2024)
- Secondary Principal (2023-2024)
- Custodian
- Elementary Art Teacher .55 (2023-2024)
- World Languages Anticipated(2023-2024)

Peacham School

- No open positions at this time.

Twinfield School

- Bus Driver
- Health Elementary Paraeducator
- High School Paraeducator
- Elementary Teacher 2023-2024
- Secondary Principal 2023-2024 year around position

Walden School

- Special education 1:1 paraeducator
- Special education paraeducator

Waterford School

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- Special education paraeducator
 - Math Intervention Teacher Middle Grades (2023-2024) anticipated
2. **State of Vermont School Facility Analysis** – At this writing (March 28th) I have not been notified that any of the CCSU schools are on the April schedule for visits by the AOE’s consultant. If that changes, I will update you in the district meetings or by email.
 3. **PCB Testing** – Awaiting airborne PCB test results from Peacham; Source Testing results from Danville, second round Source Testing results from Cabot, and Source Testing work plan for Twinfield.

We seem to be in a legislative lull right now regarding the allocation of PCB remediation funds. The House Education Committee proposal; to pause additional airborne testing in schools where it has not been started is opposed in the Senate and by the Governor. Tied up in that proposal is a separate section that would pay for 100% of remediation costs for schools that are already somewhere in the PCB testing cycle. This is not a good situation as far as I am concerned – at this point, all schools in CCSU that were flagged for testing (all schools except Barnet and Walden) are somewhere in the process, so my selfish focus is on securing 100% remediation reimbursement. Burlington is pushing hard to get a large chunk of money from the State – something like \$13M – to pay for the removal of PCBs from their Burlington High School demolition site, and the Chittenden County Senate contingent carries a lot of weight. The problem right now for us is that, without appropriate action in this session, there is NO reimbursement model for our schools that require remediation.

4. **New Statewide Testing** – The SBAC exam is no more, and its replacement – labeled VTCAP (Vermont Common Assessment Program – was rolled out late. The test window opens in April, and there are still things not working correctly in the system. And because this is a very different test, and new to all – students and test administrators in the schools – there is no way to compare results from this test with prior SBAC test results.
5. **Crisis Planning Training** – I am taking a team to Waterbury on 4/5 for training on a statewide template for crisis planning in schools. I’ll have more to say about the impact of this training on our school planning at a later date.
6. **JUUL Settlement** – Back in September, I signed on to a national class action suit against JUUL, manufacturer of nicotine vaping devices and product. The suit alleged that JUUL had marketed its product to minors, and the suit came at a time when we were seeing a big increase in vaping by students in our schools. The case settled, and we are expecting an award of \$22,777.95 (after attorney fees and costs), to be paid sometime in September 2023. I am planning to use this settlement for tobacco prevention instruction in our schools.

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Caledonia Cooperative School District

April 10th, 2023 Report

		
<p>Barnet School 163 Kid Row, Barnet, VT 05821</p>	<p>Walden School 135 Cahoon Farm Road, West Danville, VT 05873</p>	<p>Waterford School 276 Duck Pond Road, Waterford, VT 05819</p>

Principals Report to School Board

Meeting of April 10th, 2023

Place: Barnet School and on Zoom

Time: 6:00 pm

CCSD Cooperation

We would like to sincerely thank the CCSD larger school community for passing the school budget on April 4th. The support we have received over the last few years has been an indication of how our hard work and commitment are well received by our constituents. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The schools are preparing a set of Spring events ranging from Spring concerts to a play, authors' visits, and field trips. Middle school teams are planning for graduation and end-of-the-year field trip for our 8th graders. The Spring concerts will be held on the week of April 17. We continue to work on aligning our goals and offering comparable experiences for our students.

Barnet School

Updates:

- **Dance Show:** Mrs. Rebecca McGregor, Dance Instructor at Lyndon Institute, brought her dancers to Barnet School on March 10th and entertained us with a wonderful dance

show. After the shows, students and instructor, led a dance workshop for our students in grades 4-8.

- **NEJH Music Festival:** On March 10th, nine young musicians (from Barnet School and Waterford School) attended the North East Junior High Musical Festival with Band Director, Mr. Scott Foote.

Mr. Foote said: *"The District II (Northeast) Jr. High School Music Festival, which began in 1976, is a one-day event sponsored by the Newport Rotary Club and hosted at the facilities of North Country Union High School in Newport, VT. Open to qualified 7th and 8th grade musicians from their school music programs, the primary purposes of this festival are to provide an enriching musical challenge for our talented students and to provide a quality large-ensemble experience from both large- and small-enrollment schools. A non-auditioned festival; participants are selected based on the recommendation of their teachers. Those names are then subject to final selection based upon their reported skill level and the balanced instrumentation needs of the groups."*

- **Making bread:** A representative from King Arthur's Flour hosted a workshop for our students in grades 4-8 on March 15th. The rep chose two of our students to help her make braided bread and cinnamon rolls. All the students in grades 4-8 received enough flour and yeast to make two loaves of bread with the commitment to keep one loaf and donate the other one to a family/friend in need.
- **Tobacco Specialist from NVRH visited our middle schoolers:** On March 16-18, Mrs. Emily Dellerman came to our school to discuss with our 5-6-7 graders the risks associated with vaping. Students learned about how dangerous vaping can be and all the side effects associated with tobacco addiction.
- **Visiting authors:** Mrs. Bushey has been working hard at inviting authors to visit our school. The initial author's visit she had planned for March 13th, was canceled by the author. Mrs. Bushey was able to invite three other authors instead, who will cover different topics with the students. She invited Ms. Beth Kannel, who will visit with the 5-6 grade students on March 29th, Ms. Ashley Wolff for a visit to students in grades k-4 on April 20th, and Mr. Jo Knowles for grades 6-8 in early April. As a consequence of the different visits, we are postponing our Literacy Night until after the third visit. A huge thank you to Mrs. Bushey for recruiting so many authors to visit the school.
- **The Hood Museum:** our fourth graders concluded their visits to the Hood Museum for this year. Mrs. McCarthy is planning on restarting this partnership for the incoming 4th graders for next year.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - **Spirit week:** April 17-21 fundraiser for 8th grade class
 - **STARBASE:** 5th grade class visiting the STARBASE STEM center, 5 times
 - **Dine with Dinos preschool event:** April 14th, 1:30 pm (parents invited)
 - **PTF movie night:** April 14th at 6:00 pm

- **Walk at Lunch and practice for site evacuation:** April 21

Walden School

Updates:

- **Walden Takes Home 1st and 2nd Place!!!** On Friday, March 31st, the 7th and 8th graders went to Lyndon Institute for the bridge building competition that saw over 200 students from schools all around VT test the strength of their bridges. We are so excited to announce that Karli and Sophie took 1st Place overall! Their bridge held an astounding 1,278 lbs! Amazingly, we had another team from Walden School, Owen, Sam, Robbie and Camden, take 2nd place overall. Their bridge held a whopping 1,148 lbs! Mrs. Russell and Mr. Irwin provided the students with a great learning experience and the students' hard work, teamwork, research and knowledge really proved to be the piece that "bridged" the gap to their success (pun intended!).
- **Walden School's 2nd Annual Egg Hunt** Thanks to Miss Victoria, who tirelessly stuffed hundreds of eggs and then hid them for every class, all the students got to once again enjoy the hunt for Easter eggs. We started the tradition last year and the students were so excited to do it again this year. Every class had the opportunity to hunt for the golden egg that had bigger prizes like being Miss Pam's helper to cook for the day, lunch with Mr. Fontana, a half hour with your friends and Mr. O and popsicle or ice cream parties!
- **Siskin Outdoor Learning Center Back At Walden** Paul was back at Walden once again to work with our 5th and 6th graders to continue the work they have been doing this year. Thank you so much to Siskin for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity and there is still more to come this year for not only the 5/6 but some of our other grades as well! Our 3/4 is planning to work with Siskin to bring real world experience to the novel *Hatchet* that they are currently reading and the 5/6 is planning an end of the year trip to Siskin as a culminating activity to their work this year.
- **8th Grade Northwoods Experience** Walden School was selected to participate in the NorthWoods and VREC 8th Grade Leadership Connection May 8th, 2023. This is an opportunity for our 8th graders to explore the natural world, reimagine leadership, and connect with other 8th graders. The program will be hosted at NorthWoods Stewardship Center in East Charleston - with both indoor and outdoor time planned. The schedule for this event is arrival at 9:00am and departure at 1:30pm. We will be joined by Burke and Sutton 8th graders.
- **"The Writing is on the Wall" Night at Walden School** All are invited to come join our writing celebration! Read the hundreds of writing samples and see different projects, like the middle school bridges, that will be up on the walls and on the tables of the multi-purpose room. We will hear from CCSUCurriculum Director, Des Hertz, about our Federally Grant funded Title services and enjoy free pizza and snacks. Our 7th & 8th graders will also be making desert pizza and possibly a few other treats in the outdoor bread oven for this great community building event. We hope to see as many parents

and community members as possible to help showcase the hard work students have been doing in writing throughout the year!

- **Walden faculty and staff role modeling lifelong learning** The March 27th inservice day was a great day of learning and growing as educators at Walden School. Activities for the day ranged from EST data and student reviews, to special training in a new program for special education, to group watch and discussion of teaching resource videos from real classrooms across the country to calibrate our understanding of engagement and universal design for learning. The half-day inservice included a training with All Learners Network for all of our math teachers while everyone else was in a great training with Tracy Winot, speech and language pathologist, on gestalt language. We have another upcoming training for another intervention and specialized program for our special educator and math intervention teacher and the learning continues over the summer with a 5 member team going to the BEST conference to continue our great work around PBIS, members of our Literacy Leadership Team going to the VT Literacy Conference, and I will be attending the Vermont Principals Association Conference with fellow CCSU leadership.

Waterford School

Updates:

- **Bikes!** Between April 3 -14 our students will have access to a trailer full of bikes! The Bike Smart trailer will be visiting **our** school for the next two weeks (4/3-4/15). This program brings around 30-40 bikes (of all **sizes**), helmets, and bike skills training materials to our school at no charge. Your child will improve their bike skills through games and on-bike activities designed to help him become a **safe** and confident **bike** rider. **We were able to bring this trailer to our school through the generosity of the Bike Smart program.** Bike Smart is funded by annual grants from RiseVT, Governor's Highway Safety Program, and Kohl's Department Stores to the Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care. The program is powered by Local Motion, Vermont's nonprofit advocate for safe walking and biking. For more information, visit https://www.localmotion.org/bike_smart. Thanks to Roxanne Roberts for coordinating this incredibly fun activity at our school!
- **NVU Science Fair** Since January Laurie Roberts middle school students have been working on projects that incorporate the scientific method. Students researched and identified a question they were interested in investigating. They developed procedures to test their hypothesis, conducted tests and graphed results. Finally they developed a conclusion and created a board that told the story of their project. On Friday March 31 they went to Northern Vermont University Lyndon Science Fair to present their project and took home the top 5 prizes! Hannah Wood - 1st place, Maddie Ross - 2nd place, Landon Minshull/Kelton Wood - 3rd place, Gwen Lapierre - 4th place, Caleb Decker - 5th place.

- **Sccreenagers** - On Wednesday March 22 we hosted about 25 community members for a dinner (sponsored by WSA) and screening of the film Screenagers. After the movie we had a discussion with school and community-based clinicians who were able to help answer questions.
- **Talk Space - Counseling Resource**
All CCSU students age 13 and over have access to a new counseling resource called Talk Space. Our area is lacking in the necessary clinicians to support mental health needs. This is an incredible resource that will help support our school community.
- **Northeast Music Festival** - On March 10th 3 Waterford students - Conor Simonds, John Thornton-Sherman and Joel Thornton-Sherman performing at the Northeast Music Festival at North Country Union High School in Newport. This festival brings middle and high school musicians together from around the region to learn and perform together. We are proud of our three representatives and want to thank Band Teacher Scott Foote for organizing this opportunity!
- **Winter Activities - Prek-2nd Grade** - On Wednesday March 28 Siskin joined our Prek through 2nd grade classrooms for their last of four winter activities days. Students learned about maple trees and enjoyed sugar on snow.
- **Parent Conferences** - On April 4th and 6th we hosted our families for parent conferences. These meetings are important moments in the school year and allow us to discuss the progress our students are making in school. We appreciate their partnership in their child's education.

Upcoming Events:

April 13th: The "Writing is on the Wall" Night 5:00pm-7:00pm in the multi-purpose room

April 18: Spring concert for middle school grades, 6:00 pm, Gymnasium, Barnet School

April 19th: Walden Spring concert and art display @ 1:30pm in the multi-purpose room

April 24-28: Spring Break, no school

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Services Board Report April 2023

1. CCSU Updates

- a. We are starting to advertise for positions for next school year.

2. AOE Updates

- a. Preliminary information has been provided from the AOE about our compliance on Indicator 13 (Transition Plans). We are in 100% compliance in this area! This is a big accomplishment as this indicator has been a challenge for the majority of districts in Vermont. Because of the many nuances and details required for compliance, we will be doing further training in this indicator with all special educators who work with high school students.
- b. The AOE will let us know about our compliance on the other indicators in June. I expect we may be notified we will be in selective monitoring on some other indicators but will let you know definitively once we receive the notification.
- c. I am working with building administrators and some school nurses on completing the application for the MAC (Medicaid) grant for 2023-2024. Activities included in this grant must promote health and wellness for our students. Some activities included in this grant application are purchasing bicycles and equipment, gardening supplies, and outdoor education.

3. Professional Development

- a. Professional Development has been provided in social skills and in different evidence based reading intervention programs, funded through ARP-IDEA. Math intervention training is scheduled to be provided in May.

4. Of Note

- a. I would like to acknowledge Vicki Hummer (Assistant Director), Allie Monahan (Assistant Director), Jennifer Lindert (Cabot Special Educator), Cathy DuPont (Twinfield Special Educator), Beth Nishball-Williams (Danville Special Educator), and Mary Cassidy (Danville Special Educator) for their outstanding work on preparing compliant Transition Plans to be submitted for monitoring!

Respectfully submitted,
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